

REMARKS

Applicant recognizes Examiner's allowance of Claims 25 and 26.

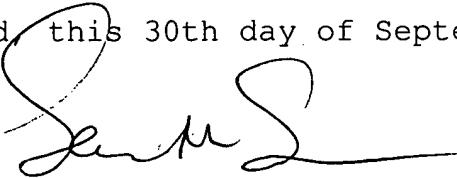
Examiner has stated that "Claims 10-12 and 14-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." In response, Applicant has cancelled Claim 10, has amended independent Claim 1 to include all the limitations of Claim 10, and has amended Claim 11, previously depending from Claim 10, to depend from amended Claim 1. Because Claims 2-9 and 12-24 depend from newly amended Claim 1, wherein the limitations required by Examiner are incorporated, Applicant respectfully asserts further amendments are not necessary, and that all remaining Claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

The above-made amendments are to form only and thus, no new matter was added. Examiner has allowed Claims 25-26, and subject to Applicant's amendment herein, has found Claims 10-12 and 14-22 to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the application proceed to issuance in view of the cancellation of Claim 10, and the amendments to Independent Claim 1 and dependent Claim 11. Applicant intends to file a continuation application to pursue further examination of additional claims, including as originally filed herein and subsequently amended.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this submission, he is invited to contact the undersigned counsel at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of September, 2005.



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